

teachers may be better prepared and all our young people trained for useful service.

We would respectfully ask our committee to encourage by suggesting the best possible means to our churches of a plan simple and effective in reaching and maintaining an interest in our adult classes. Especially would we lay stress upon the "Boy Problem," and ask that they send as much valuable information on this subject to the various churches as their financial circumstances will permit.

The main object of the Sunday school is the salvation of the child; the encouragement of Bible study, and the teaching of systematic and proportionate giving. We would therefore emphasize the necessity of using effective agencies in bringing about these results, and especially that of bringing the child to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The extension of our Sunday schools, the enlargement of our present enrollment, should be most earnestly impressed upon all our people, by every pastor and Sunday school superintendent in all our churches. Let us have more and better Sunday schools, a more thorough understanding of God's Word, and a more consecrated life to plan and execute work in his kingdom. To this end we would call the attention of our people to a most serious condition—the responsibility of the home, fidelity to God, loyalty to Jesus Christ and a willingness to be led by the Spirit.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Your committee reports that it has carefully examined the section of the report of the Executive Committee dealing with Men's Brotherhood, Covenanters and Young People's Societies, and noted with pleasure the facts therein revealed, and especially the appointment of a field worker for boys and men whose services seem to have been successful. We therefore acquiesce with the Executive Committee in its recommendations, as follows:

1. That our work for the young people, Miriams for girls, covenantors for boys, brotherhoods for men Westminster leagues and Christian Endeavor societies for both sexes, be approved and submitted to the Sessions, with the instruction that they act vigorously and promptly in promoting this work.

2. That the appointment of Mr. R. W. Davis as superintendent of covenant and brotherhood work be approved, and that the Executive Committee on Publication be directed to secure, if possible, his financial support without interference with other regular collections.

3. That the Presbyteries and Synods be requested to arrange for conferences and conventions, under their control, for the development of interest in young people's work and for training leaders.

4. We recommend that a separate page be used in the Assembly Minutes for publishing statistical information and other facts of interest concerning the work of brotherhoods, covenanters and young people's societies.

OVERTURES.

The following overtures have been placed in our hands:

1. From the Roanoke Presbytery, asking a change in the heading in the statistical blank from the Fredericksburg Home and School to orphanages. We recommend that it be answered in the negative.

2. From the Synod of Alabama in relation to the employment of our candidates for the ministry in the colportage work. We recommend that it be answered in the negative.

3. From Maryland Presbytery, requesting a change in blanks for statistical reports, asking three separate spaces for Home missions. We recommend that it be answered in the negative.

4. From East Hanover Presbytery, asking that the Assembly abolish the column in blanks and Assembly Minutes for pastors' salary, and merge the same in column for congregational expenses. We recommend that it be answered in the affirmative.

5. From the Presbytery of Atlanta, requesting a suggested plan for the adoption of all blanks for a period of five years. We recommend that it be answered in the negative.

6. From the Presbytery of Florida, and a similar overture from Lexington Presbytery, calling attention of the Assembly to alleged lack of correspondence in Seasonal and Presbyterial blanks. Your committee replies that no such lack of correspondence will be found. If blanks of the last issue are secured and used, and that this matter was referred to the secretary of the Committee on Publication.

7. From the Presbytery of Bethel, asking the Assembly to provide a separate column in the Minutes of the Assembly for the cause of schools and colleges. We recommend that the request be granted.

8. From the Presbytery of Knoxville, asking the Assembly "to define the standard of young people's societies as to meetings and nature of work." We would respectfully refer the Presbytery to the Manual for "Covenanters' companies," the Manual for Miriams,

the manual for Westminster Leagues, issued by authority of the General Assembly. (See page 10, Manual first mentioned.)

9. From the Central Mississippi Presbytery, asking that as many as twelve supplemental lessons on missions be given annually in our Sabbath School Lesson papers. We recommend that it be answered in the negative, and respectfully refer the Presbytery to the "Supplemental Graded Course," where may be found a large number of lessons on missions adapted to all the departments of our Sabbath schools.

We recommend that all the statistical reports from the Presbyteries relating to Sunday school work and that of our young people's societies and brotherhoods be referred to the stated clerk of the Assembly for tabulation and publication in the appendix to the Minutes.

By order of the committee.

JNO. M. ROSE, Chairman.

The place of next meeting was considered. Addresses were made by the respective friends of Louisville and Lewisburg. The vote stood Louisville, 58; Texarkana, 17; Lewisburg, W. Va., 106. Lewisburg was chosen.

At 12 m., Dr. S. L. Morris, of Atlanta, addressed the Assembly on "The Relations of Calvin and Calvinism to Missions."

The thanks of the Assembly were expressed by a rising vote.

At 1 p. m. the Assembly heard an eloquent address by Governor Glenn. After which recess was taken until 4 p. m.

Fifth Day—Tuesday Afternoon Session.

The report of the special committee on proof texts was read and adopted. It finds that the ad interim committee has done its work with commendable care and at the expense of great labor; and recommend that the report be approved with a single change which will be indicated below:

It makes additional recommendations.

1. That the note on the mode of establishing the Canon of Scripture, be changed by the insertion after the word "Apostle" the words "of ancient manuscripts and versions," so that the note will read, "The Canon of Scripture is not established by explicit passages; but by the testimony of Jesus and His Apostles, of ancient manuscripts and versions, of ancient Christian writers and church councils, and by the internal evidence exhibited in the separate books."

2. That the committee of Publication be directed to print a sufficient number of copies of the report, thus amended, for distribution among the Presbyteries, adopting the recommendation of the ad interim committee as to arranging a uniform system of reference in printing the proof of texts of the Shorter Catechism.

3. That the report be sent down to the Presbyteries for their answers as to its adoption.

Fifth Day—Tuesday Evening Session.

The special committee on the report from the Inter-Church Conference on marriage and divorce made its report.

The chairman of the Auditing Committee, Mr. N. Crane, made a report which was adopted.

Your Committee on Audits, to whom was referred the following reports, viz: Report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly, report of the Trustees of the General Assembly and their Treasurer, report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions; report of the Treasurer of Home Missions; report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Ministerial Education and Relief; report of the Treasurer of the Assembly's Home and School; report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of

Publication; report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Schools and Colleges, and the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization, would respectfully report:

1. We have carefully examined the reports submitted to us, and find them all properly submitted by the several local auditing committees and certified to be correct except the report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges, which appears correct, but which is not accompanied with the certificate of the local auditing committee, as was the case last year. We recommend that hereafter the report of this committee be also accompanied by the certificate of an auditing committee.

2. In discharge of the duty imposed upon your committee, we would recommend the appointment of the following local auditing committees for the ensuing year:

For the Report of the Treasurer of the General Assembly: H. C. Merritt, C. W. Bailey and N. R. Bardwell.

For the Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions: Geo. G. O'Bryan, Eugene Hollins and T. D. Webb.

For the Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions: Jno. B. Daniel, W. R. Hoyt and Charles J. Martin.

For the Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Ministerial Education and Relief: Hugh Barret, Thos. F. Gordon and L. L. Anderson.

For the Report of the Treasurer of the Assembly's Home and School: S. G. Howison, J. N. Barney and W. Mayo Smith.

For the Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Publication: H. Swineford, B. C. Wherry and Edwin Pleasants.

For the Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Schools and Colleges: Dr. M. McH. Hull, Garnett McMillan and J. A. Brice.

For the Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization: E. B. Nuzum, W. C. Harris and W. E. Ringham.

3. The trustees of the General Assembly report that the terms of the following officers expire with this meeting of the board: Messrs. P. M. Brown, J. H. Wearn and Robert A. Dunn.

Your committee would recommend the reelection of the above named trustees for the term of three years.

4. Your committee would recommend that the General Assembly require all the treasurers of the various boards and funds of the General Assembly shall give bond to secure the funds in their custody, so that there may be a uniform system, as some of the treasurers are under bond and some are not.

5. Your Committee would recommend that an assessment of one and one-half cents per member be made and collected for the purpose of defraying the ordinary expenses of the Assembly.

6. The protest from the Presbytery of Fort Worth against the burdensome assessments on the Presbyteries for the expense of the General Assembly, referred to the Auditing Committee, and they would respectfully report that they do not see their way clear to recommend any change in the present assessment.

7. Your committee would recommend that the overtures of the Presbytery of Dallas, Tex., requesting that General Assembly reduce its assessment from one and one-half cents to one and one-quarter cents per member, be not concurred in.

Also, in reply to the overtures of the Presbytery of Western Texas and the Presbytery of St. Louis, Mo., asking that the General Assembly pay the necessary traveling expenses of its commissioners on a mileage basis, out of a contingent fund, to be raised for that purpose; recommend that this question be submitted to the different Presbyteries for their action and report the same to the next General Assembly.

In order that the next General Assembly may be able to act intelligently upon the question raised by the Western Texas and St. Louis Presbyteries in regard to the traveling expenses connected with the commissioners of the General Assembly, your committee would recommend that the stated clerks of the several Presbyteries be instructed to send to the next General Assembly a statement of the actual expenses paid on account of their commissioners to the General Assembly of 1909, of their respective Presbyteries.

N. CRANE, Chairman.

A resolution addressed to the Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah, inviting it to unite with the Assembly was adopted.

At 9 p. m., an address was delivered by President Geo. H. Denny, of Washing-